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**THREE MEXICAN NATIONALS CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING AND
HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that, 21-year-old Erik Angeles-Mendoza, 22-year-old Daniel Angeles-Mendoza and 20-year-old Felipe Ceron-Espinoza remain in federal custody following their initial appearances this morning in Austin on a federal criminal complaint charging them with transporting and harboring illegal aliens.

Yesterday, Austin Police officers responded to a call from a Honduran man who claimed that his wife was being held against her will at an Austin residence. At the residence, police discovered a Hispanic male walking around the house carrying a shotgun. Upon entering the house, the officers found 29 individuals who claimed they were being smuggled into the country illegally for between \$1,500 - \$1,800.

Upon conviction, each defendant faces up to ten years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by the Anti-Smuggling Unit of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Austin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Carruth is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

A criminal complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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